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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR
 LOADING ARTILLERY PIECES BY
 MEANS OF FLICK RAMMING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims 3-5, 8-10, 12, 13, 16, 17

3. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that said accumulated second energy supply is obtained from at least one spring means (7, 7a-7d) compressed at an earlier stage.

4. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the electric motor (2) which is used for generating the electromechanically generated first energy supply is, after the loading operation has been completed, used to supply new accumulated energy to the energy accumulator (7, 7a-7d) again in the form of tensioned spring energy or the like.